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Sir:

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International Search Report dated 17 September, 2004 established in International Patent Application No. PCT/JP2004/009812 of which this application is the U.S. National Stage.

**CONCISE STATEMENT OF RELEVANCY
(NON-ENGLISH LANGUAGE DOCUMENTS ONLY)**

With regard to the non-English language documents, JP 2003-097519, an English language abstract of which is provided, is mentioned in the appended International Search Report established in International Application No. PCT/JP2004/009812 of which this application is the U.S. National Stage. The relevancy of this document is evident from the English language abstract and the International Search Report.

It will be noted that U.S. Patent No. 6,527,266 and U.S. Published Patent Application No. 2003-0160374 are mentioned in the International Search Report and the relevancy thereof is evident from the Search Report.

It should be noted that all of the documents mentioned in the International Search Report are considered by the International Searching Authority to be of background interest (category A).

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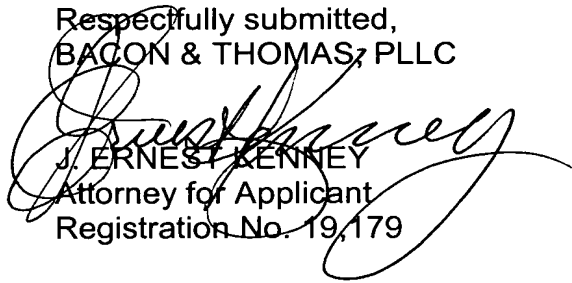
applies.

STATEMENT REGARDING TRANSLATIONS

A full translation of JP 2003-97519 is not available to Applicants' attorney.

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U.S. Patent Documents

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	6,527,266	3/4/2003	YONEZAWA et al.			
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Foreign Patent Documents

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	JP 2001-38564	2/13/2001	JAPAN (corresponds to US 6,527,266)				
	JP 2003-97519	4/3/2001	JAPAN (with English Abstract)				
	JP 2003-311572	11/5/2003	JAPAN (corresponds to US 2003-160374)				

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